

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A digital recording apparatus ~~comprises~~ includes a compression device that ~~performs means for performing~~, every time a signal corresponding to one field is inputted, compression processing using a compression rate stored in by-channel compression rate storage area, corresponding to the inputted signal, in a storage means, device, and ~~A~~ compression rate control device updates ~~means for updating~~, every time the signal corresponding to one field has been compressed by the compression ~~means~~ device, the compression rate stored in the by-channel compression rate storage area, corresponding to the inputted signal, in the storage ~~means~~ device to such a value that an amount of coding after the compression approaches a predetermined target amount of coding on the basis of the amount of coding after the compression and the target amount of coding.